

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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Power Supply to Bangladesh
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has inaugurated a 100 MW power supply from Tripura to Bangladesh while Bangladesh has provided 10 GB of internet bandwidth from Cox's Bazar to Agartala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of terms and conditions for implementation of the above projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : The Hon'ble Prime Minister of Government of India and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh have jointly dedicated the two projects, namely, (i) Second Cross Border Transmission Interconnection system between Surjyamaninagar (India) and South Comilla (Bangladesh) which would transfer 100 MW power from Tripura to Bangladesh; and (ii) International Bandwidth of 10 GBPS for Broadband Internet from Bangladesh (Cox's Bazar) to India (Agartala).

(c) : The Indian portion of the transmission lines was constructed by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) and the transmission tariff and other charges are being paid by Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh in accordance with the norms issued by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) from time to time. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has also been signed between BPDB and NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN) on 15th March 2016 and back to back Power Supply Agreement (PSA) was also signed by NVVN with Tripura State Electricity Corporation Ltd (TSECL) to enable commencement of power supply to Bangladesh.

As regards 10 GB broadband internet line from Cox's Bazaar (Bangladesh) to Agartala, an agreement between Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited (BSCCL) was signed on 6th June, 2015. As per the Agreement, BSCCL is leasing 10 GBPS International bandwidth to BSNL for a period of 3 years. The Terrestrial Optical Fibre has connected Cox's Bazaar-Akhaura-Agartala through Internet Protocol (IP) Transit Port from Bangladesh. This serves as an alternate route for telecom and internet traffic for North-Eastern States of India.
